

## **Best practices: an electronic drug alert program to improve safety in an accountable care environment.**

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This study of a quality improvement initiative found that automated screening of prescribing data uncovered many potential [adverse drug events](#). Prescribers were notified about these safety concerns, and almost 80% of these potential adverse drug events were resolved through prescription changes. The extent of patient harm which occurred or was averted was not reported. This work suggests that real-time data from [electronic prescribing](#) could be harnessed to improve patient safety, as others have suggested.